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Rev. Donald McKenzie, Zorra, Moderator.

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Rev. Professor Gale, Secretary to do.

Rev. Ralph Robb, Hamilton, Convener of Home Mission Committee.

Rev. George Cheyne, Secretary to do.

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MINUTES OF THE SYNOD AT TORONTO.

SESSION I.

Toronto, 21*st June*, 1848—*Wednesday*, 7 *P. M.*

The Synod met and heard sermon from Mr. Roger, Moderator, from I Corinthians III. 11,—" For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The Synod was constituted for business with prayer by the Moderator.

Presbytery Rolls were given in, and the Synod Roll was made up and read, and the members present answered to their names.

[*The names of those who were present at this or any of the subsequent Sessions are marked with an asterisk. The Presbyteries of Hamilton and London compose what was formerly the Presbytery of Hamilton, as see Session IV, Page* 10.]

SYNOD ROLL.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
* Robert Burns, D. D.	* Donald Elder,	*Toronto, Knox's Church.*
* Duncan McMillan,	* Donald McQuarrie,	*Caledon and Erin,*
* Peter Gray,	* James Fraser,	*Norval and Esquesing.*
* James Boyd,	John Bruce,	*Markham.*
	* Adam Simpson,	*Streetsville.*
		York Mills.
	* Samuel Irvin,	*Vaughan and King.*
		West Gwillimbury.
	... ...	*Thorah and Eldon.*
	... ...	*Oro, Medonte, &c.*
	... ...	*Nottawasaga.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
	... ...	*Mono and Essa.*
	* David Bell,	*Acton & Nassagaweya.*
	... ...	*Chinguacousy.*
	... ...	*Humber and Weston.*
	... ...	*Oakville and Trafalgar.*
	... ...	*Brock and Reach.*
	Andrew Telfer,	*Scarboro.*

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

* James Harris.
Michael Willis, D. D. Prof. of Theol. Knox's College.
* William Rintoul, Int. Prof. of Heb. do. do.
* Henry Esson, Prof. of Mor. Phil. do. do.
* Alexr. Gale, Prof. of Class. Lit. and Principal of Toronto Academy.
* Thomas Wightman, Toronto Academy.

PETER GRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

* James Douglass,	Robert Seaton,	*Cavan, (South.)*
* John M. Roger,	* Alexr. Robertson,	*Peterboro and Cavan.*
* William Reid,	* Robert Johnston,	*Grafton and Colborne.*
* Alexander Steele,	John McLaughlin,	*Darlington.*
	* Andrew Milne,	*Cobourg.*
	... ...	*Otonabee.*

WILLIAM REID, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

* James Rogers,	... ...	*Demorestville.*
* Henry Gordon,	Hon. J. McDonald,	*Gananoque.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
* Robert Reid,	Peter McBride,	*Kingston.*
* Wm. Gregg,	Geo. Robertson,	*Belleville.*
* Robert F. Burns,	* Wm. Kennedy,	*Kingston.*
	* Alexr. Macalister,	*Picton.*

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

* Robert Boyd,	John Emberson,	*Prescott.*
* Wm. Smart,	George McNish,	*Brockville.*
James Geggie,	Jno. Millar,	*Spencerville.*
* W. J. McDowell,	Wm. Craig,	*South Gower.*
Alexander Luke,	James Millar,	*Bellamyville.*

JAMES GEGGIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

James Finlay,	Wm. Cuthbertson,	*Dalhousie & Sherbrooke.*
Wm. G. Johnstone,	James Yule,	*Ramsay.*
William Lochead,	Alexander Grant,	*Osgoode and Gloucester.*
* Thomas Wardrope,	Donald Kennedy,	*Bytown.*
Andrew Melville,	William King,	*Bristol, Clarendon and Litchfield.*
John Corbett,	James Pritchard,	*Wakefield,*
	* Ralph Smith,	*Perth.*
	Neil Stewart,	*Beckwith,*
	... ...	*Middleton.*
	... ...	*Macnab.*
	... ...	*Pembroke.*

THOMAS WARDROPE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
	... ...	*St. Johns' Quebec.*
Daniel Clarke,	... ...	*Indian Lands.*
David Black,	... ...	*Ste. Thérèse.*
Thomas Henry,	... ...	*La Chute.*
	... ...	*Portneuf.*
* William Leishman,	David Weylie,	*St. Gabriel Street Montreal.*
* John Paterson, (F. C. Deputy.)	John Redpath,	*Coté Street, Montreal.*
Walter McGilvray, D. D.	... ...	*Vankleek Hill.*
John Fraser, (ordained Missionary,)	... ...	*Cornwall and Martintown.*
	... ...	*St. Eustache.*
James Fettes, (ordained Missionary,)	... ...	*English River.*
	... ...	*Beachridge.*

WILLIAM LEISHMAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

William Macalister,	... ...	*Port Sarnia.*
* Donald McKenzie,	* John Matheson,	*Zorra.*
Daniel Allan,	... ...	*North East Hope.*
William Graham,	... ...	*Tuckersmith.*
* Robert Peden,	... ...	*Amherstburgh.*
* John McKinnon,	... ...	*St. Thomas.*
* Wm. Ross Sutherland	... ...	*Eckfrid and Mosa.*
* Angus McColl,	John Oswald,	*Chatham.*
	* William Burgess,	*Woodstock.*
		Stratford.
		London.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
	... ...	*Aldboro.*
	... ...	*Williams.*
	... ...	*Fingal.*
	... ...	*Ingersol.*
	... ...	*St. Andrews.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON

Daniel Eastman,	... ...	*Grimsby.*
* And. Ferrier, D. D.	Joseph Douglass,	*Caledonia.*
* Ralph Robb,	* John Fisher,	*Hamilton.*
* George Cheyne,	* George Young,	*Saltfleet and Binbrook.*
* Robert Lindsay,	* Douglass Lillico,	*Ayr.*
* Mark Y. Stark,	* William Dixon,	*Dundas and Ancaster.*
* John Bayne,	* George Davidson,	*Galt.*
* Angus Mackintosh,	Peter Drummond,	*Thorold.*
* George Smellie,	Charles Allan,	*Fergus.*
William Meldrum,	... ...	*Puslinch.*
* Alexr. McLean,	* Gilbert Bastedo,	*Wellington Square.*
* John G. McGregor,	Robert Armstrong,	*Guelph.*
	... ...	*Niagara.*
	... ...	*Woolwich.*
	... ...	*Dunville & Wellandport*
	... ...	*Flamboro West.*
	... ...	*Walpole.*
	... ...	*Sydenham.*

MARK Y. STARK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Mr. McKenzie of Zorra, was unanimously chosen Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

A Committee for Bills and Overtures was appointed.

The Synod agreed to allow Presbyteries to meet for any competent business during the present Session.

The Synod agreed that the forenoon Session of to-morrow shall be devoted to devotional exercises and the hearing of addresses and that in the afternoon a private conference be held on the leading subjects which are expected to come before the Synod.

Committees for revising the Records of the several Presbyteries, and the Records of the Synod and Commission, were appointed.

SESSION II.

TORONTO 22*nd June*,—*Thursday*, 10, *A. M.*

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Cobourg to take Mr. James Duncan student in divinity on trials for license.

After praise the Moderator read the 2nd chapter of II Timothy and gave an address founded on it after which he engaged in prayer. Mr. Kennedy Elder, and Mr. Douglass Minister with praise intervening on the call of the Moderator also offered up prayer.—Mr. Gordon gave an address on the revival of religion. Prayer was again on the call of the Moderator offered up by Mr. Robb. The exercise was closed with praise and the blessing.

SESSION III.

TORONTO, 22*nd June*—3 *P. M.*

A report was read from the Committee of Bills and Overtures recommending as subjects for conference the question as to the propriety of applying for a share of the Clergy Reserve Fund. The sustentation scheme, and Knox's College. The Synod proceeded to confer on the first of these subjects.

There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of Brockville calling on the Synod to take into consideration the offer made by the Provincial Government to Religious Bodies to apply for a share of the Clergy Reserve Fund. And farther to adopt such measures as may secure a just proportion of said fund to the Ministers of this Church. There were also read petitions from the congregations of Prescott, and South Gower severally to the same effect.

The Synod had full conference on the subject when it was agreed that; Mr. Bayne (convener) Mr. Gale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Robb, Mr. Roger, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Reid, Ministers, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Milne, Mr. McAlister, Elders, be a committee to draft a series of resolutions expressive of the mind of the Synod as brought out in the conference.

SESSION IV.

TORONTO, 22*nd June*—7½ *P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with praise and prayer.

A reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg regarding a call to Mr. J. M. Roger from the Free Church congregation of Kincardine O'Neil Scotland was brought before the Synod. The various documents were read and Mr. Reid heard in explanation of the reference. After mature deliberation the Synod pronounced the following deliverance.

The Synod sustain the reference—approve the conduct of the Presbytery of Cobourg in bringing the case before them; and, in respect at once of the totally inadequate supply of ministers in this country, and of the important field of usefulness which Mr. Roger at present occupies, possessing claims, both as to his immediate pastoral charge and the extensive region around it dependent on his missionary labours, far surpassing those of the congregation to which he is called, find that there is no ground to justify the proposed translation; and that Mr. Roger should be continued in his present charge. The Synod at the same time record their sincere sympathy with

the congregation of Kincardine O'Neil, in regard to the painful trials to which they are subjected in the providence of God, and their earnest hope and prayer that, through the grace of the great Head of the church, they may speedily have a faithful minister again established among them. The Synod farther instruct the Presbytery of Cobourg to communicate to the Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil such particulars, respecting the sphere of Mr. Roger's labours, as they may deem necessary for establishing the grounds of the Synod's deliverance in regard to the call.

Committees were appointed on the Synod Fund and on the Statistical Returns.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton for the division of the Presbytery of Hamilton and the erection of a Presbytery of London to consist of the Western, Brock, Huron and London Districts.

The Synod unanimously resolved to grant the application of the Presbytery to separate as they hereby do separate the Western, Brock, Huron, and London Districts from the Presbytery of London, and appoint the Ministers residing within these districts to meet at London on the second Wednesday of July next as a Presbytery of this Church.

The following Committee, viz: Mr. Leishman, Mr. Roger, Mr. Smellie, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McKinnon, Ministers, Messrs. Milne and Fisher, Elders, are appointed to consider and report on certain applications for a relaxation of the rule which requires that Ministers and Licentiates admitted into the Church shall labour one year as Missionaries before they accept a call to a pastoral charge. To the same Committee is referred an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton calling on the Synod to give an interpretation of the aforesaid rule contained in the VIII Resolution in the deliverance of last Synod on the subject of Home Missions at page thirty four of the Printed Minutes.

SESSION V.

TORONTO, *23rd June*—10 *A. M.*

A petition of Dr. Cairns Missionary respecting a certificate granted to him by the Presbytery of Montreal was referred to a Committee.

The report of the Sustentation Board was given in and read. The Synod sustained the report and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Walker and the other members of the Board for the ability and faithfulness with which they had conducted the affairs committed to them.

The Synod held a conference on the subject of the Sustentation Fund.

SESSION VI.

TORONTO, *23rd June*—3 *P. M.*

The conference on the Sustentation Fund was continued.

The following Committee were appointed to draft a series of resolutions on the subject, viz: Mr. Bayne, convener, Mr. Robb, Dr. Burns, Mr. Roger, Mr. Gale, Mr. McDowell, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Smellie, Mr. Gregg, Ministers, and Messrs. Fisher, Elder, Smith, Kennedy, Dixon, Johnston, Simpson and McAlister, Elders.

A letter was given in and read from J. S. Howard and W. A. Baldwin, Esquires, Secretaries to the Upper Canada Bible Society presenting the Synod with 80 copies of the last Annual Report of said Society, for the use of the members.

The Synod accepted the Reports and requested the Moderator to make a suitable acknowledgement for the same to the above named gentlemen.

SESSION VII.

TORONTO 23*rd June*—7½ *P. M.*

The Presbytery of Montreal were authorised to take Mr. John Black, Student in Divinity, on Trials for License. Certain meetings of the same Presbytery, notwithstanding objections in point of form were sanctioned.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Brockville for counsel and advice respecting certain difficulties which had arisen between Mr. Geggie and a part of his charge.

Mr. McDowell was heard in behalf of the Presbytery, and read extracts from the Minutes explaining the reference. After deliberation the following resolution was adopted.

That from the absence of Mr. Geggie the Synod are precluded from pronouncing any judgment in the matter, but refer the case back to the Presbytery of Brockville, with instructions to them to deal in it with all prudence and diligence, leaving it to any parties interested to make any further reference or appeal to the Commission with authority to the Commission finally to issue the matter as they shall think fit.

The Synod heard a reference from the Presbytery of Kingston respecting Mr. Joseph Harris, formerly congregational Minister and now an applicant for admission into this Church. Mr. Smellie convener, Mr. Stark, Mr. Roger, Mr. Smart, Dr. Ferrier Ministers; Mr. Milne and Mr. Johnston, Elders; were appointed a Committee to take the case into consideration, and confer with, Mr. Harris as they may see fit and report at an early day.

The Synod took up an application from the Presbytery of Perth for the admission into this Church of the Rev. Samuel Coon, a Minister in connexion with the Presbytery of Mononghahela Pennsylvania, of the associate Reformed Church. Mr. Wardrope, clerk of the Presbytery of Perth was heard on this case and narrated from the Records of the Presbytery the steps taken by them in regard to Mr. Coon under the act for the admission of Ministers—he also read various testimonials in favour of Mr. Coon and stated that Mr. Coon on account of his great distance from the Synod had been unable to be present at this meeting of Synod.

The Synod having considered the application, agreed that in respect of the importance of the utmost carefulness in the admission of Ministers, and of acting up to the spirit of the regulations on this subject, Mr. Coon's application be not for the present granted, that his case be referred to the commission who shall hear him preach and may institute any farther enquiries respecting him they may see fit and in the event of their being satisfied with Mr. Coon, that they shall authorise the Presbytery of Perth to admit him as a Minister of this Church. The said Presbytery to have power in the meantime to employ him as a missionary.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the mind of the Synod respecting applying to the government for a share of the Clergy Reserve Fund for the Ministers of this Church, when Mr. Bayne in name of the Committee reported a series of resolutions unanimously agreed on by the Committee. The Resolutions are as follows:—

RESOLVED, *First.*—That this Synod holds unchanged the principle which has heretofore formed one distinguishing part of its testimony for Christ as King of nations, viz: that it is the duty of civil rulers as such, as being under law to Christ, not only to protect, but to countenance and favor the Church.

Second—That it is the opinion of the Synod that the question whether the civil magistrate ought, in shewing countenance and favor to the Church, to appropriate a portion of the public funds for its support, is one of subordinate importance; and on which differences of opinion may exist among those who are, nevertheless, sound as to all that is essential in the doctrine of Christ's Headship over the nations.

Third—That the endowment of the Church by the civil magistrate is held to be lawful; but that the question as to the duty, at any given time, of granting such endowment on the part of the civil magistrate, or of its acceptance on the part of the Church, ought to be determined on the grounds of Christian expediency.

Fourth—That, however justifiable the retention of endowments received under different circumstances may be, the Synod looking to the conduct of the Government of this country in now offering endowments to religious bodies without reference to the distinction between truth and error—to the divi-

sions and jealousies which the acceptance of endowments in present circumstances would occasion—to the strong feeling which prevails throughout the Church that their acceptance would tend to diminish the usefulness of Ministers and the liberality of the people in contributing to the support of the Gospel—and to the evil influence which an irreligious Government might exert through the dependence upon the State, which such endowments would occasion—the Synod is of opinion that it would be deeply injurious to the interests of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and to the cause of the Redeemer in this land, to accept in present circumstances of any grant of public money from the Government.

5. *Resolved*—That in these circumstances the Synod refuses to entertain the Overture or grant the prayer of the Petitioners now before it, prohibits and discharges all Ministers and Congregations from taking independent action in a matter so important, and enjoins upon them to submit, as constitutionally bound, to be guided in the matter by the action of this Supreme Court,—and further, the Synod instructs all Presbyteries to see that these resolutions are honestly and fully carried out.

After discussion it was moved and seconded that the Synod adopt the resolutions. The motion was agreed to without a vote—from this the following members dissented, viz: Dr. Ferrier, Mr. Gray, Mr. Stark, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Peden, Mr. Rogers, and craved that they might be allowed time to give in reasons of dissent from certain parts of the Resolutions and to have the same recorded. This was granted; on which they took instruments in the Clerk's hands.

SESSION VIII.

TORONTO, *24th June*—9 *A. M.*

An Overture on Sabbath desecration was received and discussed and remitted to a small Committee to report.

An Overture respecting the property of some congregations which is not protected by proper deeds was received and considered.

A Committee was appointed to collect information and obtain legal advice in the matter as they may see fit and report at an early day.

The Synod agreed to adjourn until the evening of this day at seven o'clock—the Session to be devoted to prayer and conference on the subject of the Revival of Religion.

SESSION IX.

TORONTO, *24th June*—7 *P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

After reading a portion of scripture praise and prayer were successively engaged in.

Members from different Presbyteries expressed their views on the state of Religion throughout the Church and the means for its revival.

A Committee was appointed to draft a series of Resolutions embodying the views brought out in the conference, and to report on the evening of Monday.

Praise and prayer were again engaged in and the meeting was closed with the blessing.

SESSION X.

TORONTO, *26th June*—11 *A. M.*

Mr. Davidson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McAlister, Elders, were appointed a Committee on Public Accounts with instructions to bring in a statement of all the funds, for publication, and report on Thursday afternoon,

Mr. Cheyne, Mr. McMillan, Ministers, Mr. Simpson, Elder, were appointed a Committee on Statistics with instructions to obtain returns from all the congregations, and prepare a schedule to report on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Robb, Dr. Burns, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Reid, Ministers, Mr. Burns, Elder, were appointed a Committee on the subject of the Provincial Act respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths to report on Wednesday afternoon.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Brockville for advice in reference to Mr. John McIlfatrick, Student in Divinity from the Royal Belfast Institution and New College Edinburgh, and now within the bounds of the said Presbytery, after deliberation the following Resolution was adopted.

That inasmuch as it appears that Mr. McIlfatrick brought no Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of the bounds in which he had resided before coming to this country he be directed by the Presbytery to procure such certificate and that the Presbytery of Brockville examine him as to his views towards the Holy Ministry and his experience of godliness, and in the event of their being satisfied; that they encourage and assist him in his studies in the interim and recommend him to go as soon as possible to Knox's College that he may attend the Divinity Hall there at least one Session.

The Synod received a memorial of the Secretary of the Sustentation Board respecting the travelling expenses of an agent employed by the Board under the authority of the Synod after considering the same, the Synod referred it to the Committee on public accounts.

The Synod received a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto respecting Mr. King, preacher of the Gospel and formerly Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, accompanied with a memorial from that gentleman respecting certain persons of African descent, who had once stood to him in the relation of slaves and whom he had now liberated by bringing them into Canada, and respecting also a Mission to the coloured population.

Mr. King's memorial was read, the Synod agreed to record their deep interest in the matter contained in the memorial.

Mr. McMillan, convener, Dr. Burns, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Peden, Mr. Lindsay, Ministers, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Burns, Elders, were appointed a Committee to consider the memorial and report at a subsequent Session.

SESSION XI.

TORONTO, *26th June*—3 *P. M.*

The Presbytery of Hamilton were authorised to take Mr. William Ball student in Divinity on trials for License.

Mr. Smellie on behalf of the Committee on the Scheme of a Widow's Fund gave in a Report,—the same was read and sustained.

After deliberation the following resolution was adopted.

That the Synod approve generally of the scheme, remit it to the Committee with instructions to avail themselves of any further suggestions in regard to it made either by Presbyteries or other parties—authorise the Committee to prepare and send down to Presbyteries such queries as they may judge necessary for directing attention to its provisions especially in obtaining information respecting the disposition of Ministers to enter upon the scheme, and instruct Presbyteries to transmit the returns to such queries within three months after the date of the issue of the queries, and in the event of the Committee obtaining satisfactory evidence that all the Ministers are prepared to enter upon the scheme, the Committee be authorised to intimate this fact through the Record and to appoint a collection to be made throughout the Church in behalf of the Fund, the process of such collections and of the payments of Ministers to be lodged in the hands of any interim Treasurer to be named by them.

The thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Smellie for his diligence in this matter.

The Committee to whom the Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton respecting the eighth Resolution in the deliverance of the Synod of last year on the subject of Home Missions had been referred as also applications for the relaxation in certain cases of the rule which requires Ministers and Preachers admitted into the Church, to act one year as Missionaries, reported. The Report was sustained and the Synod in conformity with its recommendations resolved:

First—To adopt the interpretation of the aforesaid Resolution as applying to all Ministers and Probationers whether coming from other Churches

or licensed by this Church, excepting those who come on the express call or invitation of a congregation.

Second—That the rule be adhered to in the case of Mr. Quin.

Third—That the rule be dispensed with in the case of Messrs. Ball and McPherson in the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. McMurry in the Presbytery of Brockville.

It was agreed that Mr. James Duncan recently licensed should be permitted to accept of a call within the current year on account of the length of time he has been acting as a catechist.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Model Trust Deed. Mr. Gale give in a report and submitted a printed draft of a Model Deed, the Report was sustained, and recommitted in order to the consultation of counsel respecting certain clauses in the same.

SESSION XII.

TORONTO, *26th June*,—8 *P. M.*

The Synod spent a portion of this Session in devotional exercises.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was read by Mr. Stark Joint convener of the Committee. The Reports of the Missionary operations of several Presbyteries were also read.

On motion made and seconded the Report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee on Synodical visitations, gave in a report—On motion made and seconded the Report was adopted.

A Report of the Committee on Revivals of Religion was read by Mr. Gordon,—the Report was received and the consideration of it was deferred until a subsequent Session.

SESSION XIII.

TORONTO, *27th June*—10 *A. M.*

The Synod took up the consideration of the Report on Home Missions in connexion with an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton for promoting the schemes of the Church by agency or otherwise.

After lengthened deliberation the Synod appointed the following Committee viz; Mr. Reid, Mr. Robb, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Gale, Mr. Roger, Mr. Rogers, Ministers, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Davidson, Elders to prepare a deliverance on the subject of the Report and submit the same to the Synod on Wednesday Evening.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the case of Mr. Harris, Congregational Minister, was given in and received and the Synod in conformity with its recommendations agreed:

To remit the case to the Presbytery of Kingston that they may supply any of those steps appointed by the Synod to be taken in regard to the admission of Ministers from other Churches which may have been omitted by them, and the Presbytery are instructed to continue to hold brotherly conference with Mr. Harris in reference to his views both of Doctrine and Church Government and the full maturing and establishment of his views on any points on which they now differ from what they formerly were, to make full inquiry as to his style of preaching and adaptation to be useful as a Minister among our presbyterian population in this country. The Presbytery to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod took up an Overture respecting certain Congregations which are reported as having recently applied for money from the Clergy Reserve Fund and had discussion respecting the same.

SESSION XIV.

TORONTO, *27th June*—3 *P. M.*

After renewed discussion on the Overture before the Synod, on motion made and seconded, the following deliverance was adopted.

The Synod having considered the Overture before it, finds that it is commonly reported and believed, that several congregations have been either applying for or actually receiving a portion of the money recently offered to religious bodies by the provincial government, and considering the deep injury which such procedure on the part of any Congregation in connexion with the Synod, would, if allowed to be persisted in, inflict on our Church and through her on the cause of Christ, by bringing suspicion upon the testimony for Christ's Headship which she has recently been honored to bear—by sowing division and jealousy among our people and by rendering equivocal the position which this Synod has recently assumed in resolving to allow no applications for Government money to be made, appoints a commission to inquire into the reports referred to, and instructs them if they see cause, to visit in conjunction with the Presbyteries of the bounds erring Congregations, and to endeavour by affectionate dealing with them to induce and persuade them to give up the false position which they have assumed and especially to return without delay, any money which they may have received from the government; and the Synod instructs said commission to report to it at its next meeting.

The commission is as follows:—the Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Robb, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Bayne, (convener,) Ministers, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Milne, Mr. Burns, Elders.

SESSION XV.

TORONTO, *27th June*—7½ *P. M.*

Reasons of dissent from the resolutions adopted at the seventh session on the subject of applications for a share of the Clergy Reserve Fund were given in by Dr. Ferrier.

Reasons of dissent were also given in by Mr. Rintoul.

Reasons of dissent were also given in by Mr. McMillan.

It was agreed that these should be preserved in a separate Record.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Stark, were allowed to withdraw their dissent.

Mr. Bayne on behalf of the Committee on Union with the United Presbyterian Church, made a verbal report and read a copy of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Committees on Union of the respective Synods.

It was then moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Roger:

That the Synod approve of the principles set forth by the Committee on behalf of the Church, regret to find that there are very important differences between the views of this Church and the views declared by the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, yet appreciating very highly the benefits that would accrue to the cause of Christ from union amongst Christians, especially between bodies agreeing in so many points of vital importance as are held in common by this Church and the United Presbyterian Church, reappoint the Committee with instructions to communicate the deliverance of this Synod to the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, and to follow out such a course as may appear to them most suited to lead to a union on sound and scriptural principles.

It was moved by Dr. Ferrier, and seconded by Mr. Peden:

That the Synod approve of the diligence of their Committee in this cause, and express their sincere thanks for the long and faithful attention they have given to the subject; and that they now relieve them from this service, and appoint another Committee to meet with any Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, with instructions to them to propose that all points regarding the power of the Civil Magistrate should be matters of mutual forbearance, and to form a Basis of Union to be submitted to the different Synods on the great points of Christian Doctrine and duty on which they are agreed: and that this Synod pledge themselves that whatever views they may entertain as individuals, on the subject of the Magistrate's power, they shall

not divide the Church by reducing them to practice, and, in particular, that they shall act on the principle that it is inexpedient in the present state of the Church and the World for Ministers to accept of any aid from Civil Governments.

After lengthened discussion the vote was taken when there voted for Mr. Reid's motion 26, for Dr. Ferrier's 5—one member declined voting.

Mr. Reid's motion was accordingly declared to be the deliverance of the Synod.

From this decision Dr. Ferrier dissented because he conscientiously believed several of the principles contained in the statement of the Synod's Committee to be contrary to the Word of God, on which he took instruments in the Clerk's hands.

SESSION XVI.

TORONTO, *28th June*—10 *A. M.*

Mr. Robb, convener, in behalf of the Home Mission Committee made an Interim Report regarding the ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY RECORD. Mr. Burns the publisher was heard on the subject. The Synod sustained the Report and appointed the following Committee to superintend the publication for the ensuing year, viz: Mr. Gale, convener, Mr. Robb, Mr. Esson, Mr. Rintoul, Ministers, Mr. Burns, Mr. D. Elder, Elders.

Mr. Bayne, Mr. Robb, Mr. Esson, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Roger and Mr. Elder, were appointed a Committee to consider Dr. Ferrier's reason of dissent from the decision of the Synod on the Report of the Committee for Union and to report.

Mr. Leishman was heard in support of an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal respecting adherence to the standards, it was agreed to refer the Overture to the Committee for conferring with Dr. Ferrier.

On a reference from the Home Mission Committee it was agreed that: Mr. Esson and Mr. Rintoul, should give supply for a few

weeks, the former in Cobourg, the latter in Quebec, until further supply be provided for the Congregations in these places.

The Committee to be authorised after these Brethren shall have returned to call for Brethren from any Presbytery of the Church to supply the aforesaid Congregations.

Dr. Burns in name of the Committee on Sabbath Desecration gave in a report. The report was received and the Synod adopted the following recommendations:—

First.—That there be prepared and issued a short pastoral address setting forth the divine authority and obligations of the law of the Sabbath, and affectionately warning against the many temptations to the violation of it. This address to be read by all Ministers, Missionaries and Catechists, the first convenient Sabbath after it shall have been received, when also, the sermon, lecture or address to the Congregation shall be on some kindred topic.

Second.—That means be used for forming associations for promoting Sabbath observance, after the model of the Sabbath Alliance, now spreading itself throughout Scotland. Such associations to be established on a basis to admit of the co-operation of Christians of different Evangelical denominations.

Third.—That a correspondence be opened up with some of the most influential friends of religion in the localities through which the Canals pass with the view of encouraging exertions for repressing Sabbath profanation on the Canals.

The Synod appointed Dr. Burns, (Convener,) Mr. Gale, Mr. McLean, Mr. Gray, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McGregor, Ministers, Mr. Elder, Mr. Milne, Mr, Simpson, Elders, a Committee to carry out these measures.

Dr. Burns gave in a report on the subject of Deeds for Church property. The Synod received and approved of the same and the Committee was continued with instructions to ascertain the cases in which the tenure of Church property is uncertain and to take such action in the matter in concurrence with the representatives of Congregations as they may deem expedient.

SESSION XVII.

TORONTO, 28*th June*—3 *P. M.*

The Records of Synod and Presbyteries were attested in conformity with the recommendations of the several Committees for revising the same.

The Committee on the Provincial Statute respecting the Registration of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, gave in a report and the same was received and adopted, and the Synod in conformity with its recommendations gave the following deliverance :

That so far as the bill refers to the Registration of Marriages, its requirements ought to be complied with by the Ministers of this Synod.

That its enactments in reference to the Registration of Baptisms and Funerals are not applicable to the Ministers of this Church, inasmuch as they are not "authorized by law to Baptize or perform the Funeral Service," nor can they consistently with their principles recognize the right of the Legislature to grant authority to Baptize or perform any other proper ministerial function.

The Report of the Committee on the case of Dr. Cairns was received and approved of, and the Synod in conformity therewith found :

That there is nothing in the certificate which he has received from the Presbytery of Montreal which should prevent his being acknowledged and received by any Presbytery as a Minister of the Church.

There was read a letter from the Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, respecting the publication of the various papers which had been laid before the Joint Committees of the two Churches. The Synod having considered the same unanimously agreed that :

They could have no objection to the publication on the part of the United Presbyterian Church of the papers of their Committee, but inasmuch as there seems to have been a difference of understanding as to the object of the documents interchanged, the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church having entered largely into argumentation in support of their views while

the Committee of this Synod proceeded on the understanding that they were limited to a simple statement of their views ; the Synod resolved that they will publish the papers of their own Committee with such explanations as may appear necessary.

The Synod instructed the Clerk to make a respectful intimation of this deliverance to the Moderator of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Committee for drafting a deliverance on the subject of the Sustentation Scheme gave in a Report.

The Report was sustained and the Synod in conformity therewith adopted the following deliverance.

First.—That for the removal of misapprehensions that still prevail it is declared that no system of regulation respecting the mode in which the funds of Congregations for the sustentation of the ministry or for any other objects shall be raised has ever been enjoined by the Synod, and that Congregations are at full liberty to adopt such arrangements for such purposes, not at variance with the recognised principles and practices of our Church, as they may deem best.

Second.—That the scheme of distribution at present acted upon be continued, but that it be referred to the Sustentation Board, to determine after due consideration, and especially after careful observation of the practical working of the scheme during the ensuing year whether the provision which limits the deduction made from the contributions of congregations to 20 per cent might not be advantageously removed.

Third.—That the Synod pledges itself to work the scheme as the scheme of the whole Church, and in order that every congregation may be induced to place itself immediately on the scheme and that effectual provision may be made for steady and permanent operations, resolves to appoint an agent who shall devote himself to this work under the direction of the Sustentation Board and whose salary the Synod agrees to guaranty from the Synod Fund until five sixths of the congregations of the Synod have placed themselves on the scheme by the payment of their first contribution, after which, his salary shall be charged on the Sustentation Fund—and recommend to Presbyteries that in time to come no settlement of Ministers be made within their bounds till all due means have been used, to induce the congregations to place themselves upon the sustentation scheme.

The Synod agreed that the following gentlemen shall constitute the Sustentation Board for the ensuing year:

President,—John Redpath, Esq.

Vice Presidents,—Andrew Jeffrey and James Gibb, Esqrs.

Treasurer,—William P. McLaren, Esq.

Secretary,—James Walker, Esq.

J. McMurrich, James Shaw, Samuel Spreull, and A. McGlashan, Esqrs., *Toronto;* C. C. Ferrie, D. McNab, J. Osborne, J. Davidson, and W. Cook, Esqrs., *Hamilton;* W. Notman, and J. McKenzie, Esqrs., *Dundas;* J. Munn, Esq., *Quebec;* J. Orr, and E. McIver, Esqrs., *Montreal;* Dr. Dickson, and K. McKenzie, Esqrs., *Kingston;* J. Fraser, Esq., *London;* James Dougall, Esq., *Amherstburgh.*

The Synod being unanimous in regarding Mr. John Burns, as eminently qualified to act as agent for the sustentation scheme agreed to recommend to the Sustentation Board to endeavour to obtain his services in that capacity, and in the event of their failing in this, to appoint any other person as agent whom they may judge to be qualified for the office.

The following deliverance respecting Home Missions was adopted:

The Synod re-appoint the Committee, Mr. Robb, to be convener, and Mr. Cheyne secretary.

And the Committee are hereby authorised to determine the stationing of Missionaries after corresponding with Presbyteries, so as to make as far as possible an equitable distribution throughout the bounds of the Church.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to see that an annual collection be made in all congregations within their bounds to form a general Home Mission Fund, such collections to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, all other funds received for Home Missionary operations to be under the administration of Presbyteries.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to carry out as far as practicable the measures which have from time to time been sanctioned, especially the establishment of Missionary districts, within their own bounds, and the appointment of a Missionary Committee with a convener, with whom the convener of the Synod's Home Mission Committee may correspond, and to report what has been done within their bounds to the secretary of the Synod's Home Mission Committee at least four weeks before the meeting of Synod.

The Synod further direct the Committee in connexion with the sustentation board to appoint a suitable person as agent, to visit the different sections of the Church and correspond with Presbyteries and generally act under the direction of the Synod's Committee, the expenses of management to be defrayed out of the General Home Mission Fund.

Mr. Gale in behalf of the Committee on the Model Trust Deed made a verbal report and submitted a copy of the printed draft of a Deed which has already been circulated for the information of the Church generally, he also submitted a letter from Alexander McDonald Esq. Barrister at law, explaining clauses second and tenth of said Draft. *

The Synod considered the Report and deeming the explanation of Mr. McDonald to be satisfactory approved of the Draft generally as a well digested and suitable model, and agreed to recommend it as such to Congregations of this Church; it being left to the Commission to take measures for having it thrown off in proper form and sold at a reasonable price for the use of Congregations. Thanks were recorded to Mr. McDonald.

Mr. Cheyne in behalf of the Committee on Statistical Returns reported that they had been unable to complete a schedule on account of the want of returns from many Congregations. The Synod sustained the report and agreed to enjoin as is hereby done that all Sessions which have not furnished returns to the queries contained in the Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record for June last, shall do so without delay and transmit the answers to Mr. Gray, Norval, or to the

* It had been intended to print Mr. McDonald's letter, but it has not at this date come into the hands of the Clerk. 19th July, 1848.

Clerk of Synod. And Mr. Gray, (Convener,) Mr. Rintoul, Ministers, Mr. Simpson, Elder, are appointed a Committee to arrange the answers in a schedule and publish the same in the Record, or in such manner as they may see fit.

Several members having expressed their desire to record their concurrence in the resolution adopted last night by the Synod on the subject of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, as they had been absent when the decision was come to, it was agreed that a paper expressive of their adherence to the same should be left for signature on the table of the Synod.

SESSION XVIII.

TORONTO 28*th June*—7½ *P. M.*

On motion made and seconded, the Synod appointed—The Moderator, Mr. Allan, Ministers, Mr. Fraser, Elder, a Committee to prepare and issue a letter addressed to the Moderators of Synods and Presbyteries of the Free Church in the Highland Districts of Scotland and other influential individuals, suggesting to them the importance of aiding the Church in this country, by seeking out students having the Gaelic language and possessed of character and gifts suitable for the ministry, and directing and encouraging them to come to this country, and also by sending out Preachers of the Gospel of suitable gifts and character as Missionaries.

Mr. Rintoul, convener, read the report of the College Committee for the past year.

The Synod sustained the report and appointed the following members, viz: Mr. Bayne, (convener,) Mr. Robb, Mr. Stark, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Leishman, Ministers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy, Elders, a Committee to prepare a deliverance on the subject and submit it to the Synod to-morrow forenoon.

SESSION XIX.

TORONTO, 29*th June*,—10 *A. M.*

Mr. Bayne in name of the Committee, on the College Report, submitted a draft of resolutions, the same was read and the Synod without a vote adopted the resolutions, and resolved accordingly:

First.—That the Synod record their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of success which has attended their efforts in connexion with this institution, and the sense they entertain of the obligations under which they are thereby laid to increased diligence in promoting the interests of an Institution so closely connected with the extension and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Second.—That the Synod approve of the diligence and faithfulness of the College Committee and especially of the Brethren on whom the work of instruction in Knox's College has been devolved, and in particular record their satisfaction at having secured the services of one so highly qualified for his office, and whose labours during the past session have proved so efficient as the recently appointed Professor of Theology, the Revd. Dr. Willis.

Third.—That the Synod have peculiar pleasure in acknowledging the liberality of the members and friends of this Church in responding to their appeal for the funds necessary for the support of the Institution, and the debt of gratitude which they owe to the Free Church of Scotland for the generous donation of £300 Stg. for the same object.

Fourth.—That for the management of the Institution for the ensuing year, the Synod re-appoint the General Committee with the addition of the name of Dr. Willis. The Committee to choose their own office bearers, with the following instructions.

I.—That they shall make such arrangements as they may see meet for the careful examination of all applicants for admission into the Preparatory and Theological departments, and for superintending the usual examinations and competitions for Bursaries during, or at the close of the session.

II.—That they shall take immediate steps by correspondence with

the Colonial Committee and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, or otherwise, to procure the services of a well qualified Tutor whose department shall be that of English and Classical Literature, and general mental training.

III.—That they shall use diligence in procuring the funds necessary for the effective maintenance of the institution, and that for this purpose they are authorised to use such steps as may appear necessary.

Fifth.—That the arrangements of the course of study and the internal discipline of the College shall, during the ensuing session, be committed to the Professors. Dr. Willis to be Chairman of the Professors' Court.

Sixth.—That the appointment of the Revd. Wm. Rintoul as Professor of Hebrew be sanctioned as an *interim* appointment, but that the final arrangement as to this department be deferred until it become apparent what provision is to be made for the Chair of Oriental Literature in King's College, and how far the liberality of the people will sustain the Synod in increasing the permanent staff of Professors.

Seventh.—That the General Committee be empowered to fix the salaries of Mr. Rintoul and of the Tutor above referred to, and also to co-operate as heretofore in the administration of the Toronto Academy.

Eighth.—That a Committee be appointed to draw up, after consulting with the Professors of Knox's College and the Professors of New College, Edinburgh, a constitution for the College, including arrangements as to the Government, discipline, and curriculum of study, and as to the standard of attainments to be required of applicants for admission, coming either from Congregations in connexion with the Synod, or from other quarters—to transmit said scheme when prepared to Presbyteries for advice, and to report to the Synod at their next meeting: and that the said Committee shall consist of the following members: Mr. Bayne, Mr. Robb, Mr. Stark, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Leishman,—Mr. Reid, convener.

Ninth.—That the Synod tender their thanks to the Treasurers of the General and Bursary Funds, and request their continuance in office.

SESSION XX.

TORONTO, *29th June*—3 *P. M.*

The Synod took up an Overture respecting King's College, when after deliberation the following deliverance was adopted.

That this Synod earnestly desire to see the University of King's College freed from its present sectarian management so as to deserve the confidence of the community at large and be available for the general benefit of the youth of this country, and at the same time so constituted as that some sufficient security be provided for the parties occupying chairs therein and placed in the responsible position of instructors of youth, shall be sound in the Christian faith, and that their instructions shall be pervaded by sound religious principles.

And this Synod further appoint the following members a Committee to watch over any Bill introduced into the Legislature for the amendment of the Charter of King's College, with authority to petition Parliament respecting the same, and to take any other steps they may see meet for the securing the object expressed in this deliverance, to report to next meeting of Synod, viz: the members of the College Committee, with the addition of Mr. McLean, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Wightman, Dr. Burns to be convener.

The Committee on Public Accounts reported a series of resolutions on the subject of the Funds and Public Collections.

The same were read and approved of and the Synod resolved accordingly:

First.—That the Agent of the Sustentation Fund shall also be Agent for the General Scheme of the Church, whose duty shall be to correspond with Congregations and Presbyteries, and endeavour to keep before them their duty to the funds—to see, that their collections are regularly made,—to make up a statement of all the collections received during the year to submit to the Synod,—shewing who have and who have not made the required collections, and generally to do his best endeavours to bring out the liberality of the people to the schemes of the Synod. The said Agent to be paid a portion of his salary by each of the schemes in proportion to the portion of his time devoted to each.

Second.—That it be enjoined on Presbyteries to see that all the Congregations and stations within their bounds are regular in taking up the collections ordered by the Synod, and to give every assistance in their power to the Agent of the Church when his duty brings him within their bounds.

Third.—That collections be taken up in all Congregations within our bounds according to the following scheme during the ensuing twelve months:

I.—For the FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on the first Sabbath of September, 1848.

II.—For the SYNOD HOME MISSION FUND, on the first Sabbath of December, 1848.

III.—For the SYNOD FUND, on the first Sabbath of March, 1849.

IV.—For the FOREIGN MISSIONS, on the first Sabbath of June, 1849.

And that the collections and subscriptions for the College be remitted to the Treasurer or Agent, on or before the first of May next, and that the Agent as soon as appointed shall use diligence in bringing up arrears of all the Funds.

The Committee for conferring with Dr. Ferrier, and for considering the Overture of the Presbytery of Montreal, respecting adherence to the Standards, gave in a Report, the same was received and approved of, and the Synod in accordance with its recommendations agreed:

To instruct the Presbytery of Hamilton to confer further with Dr. Ferrier on the views which he has avowed in his conference with the Synod's Committee, and to ascertain how far they coincide with the Standards of this Church,—and further, the Synod adopt the recommendation of the Committee, on the subject of the Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, and enjoin upon Presbyteries to satisfy themselves fully as to the soundness of the views of all candidates for license and ordination, and all applicants for admission into this Church, whether as Probationers or Ordained Ministers, on the subject of Christ's Headship over the nations, with special reference to the Standards of the Church, and the deliverances of this Synod, during the present session relative to this great doctrine.

Mr. Gordon submitted a series of Resolutions on the means for Promoting the Revival of Religion,—the Synod generally approved of the same, and appointed the following Committee, viz: Mr. Gordon, convener, Mr. Burns, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. Reid, Ministers, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McAlister, Elders, with instructions to them to revise

the Resolutions and publish them for the guidance of the Congregations and Missionary Stations within the bounds of the Church. *

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Mr. King, was received and sustained, and after deliberation, the Synod in conformity with its recommendations ordered that the memorial be kept in *retentis*, and further adopted the following deliverance:

That the Synod, as a spiritual body, cannot originate or conduct any scheme of settlement for the colored populatiou, but that they think favorably of Mr. King's proposal, and are ready to appoint a Committee to co-operate with him in bringing the subject before the public, with the view of an association being formed for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to the object, and they recommend that Mr. King and the Committee shall communicate with the Honble. J. H. Price, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, on the subject of a settlement on one of the Crown Locations in the West. They also resolve to bring the matter before the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, with the view of Mr. King's appointment by them as a Missionary to the colored settlers in the Province. The following Committee, with power to add to their number, were charged with these measures, and the members, at or near London, were constituted an advisory Sub-Committee for Mr. King, viz: The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Mr. Esson, Mr. Gale, Mr. Robb, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. King, Ministers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Matheson, Elders, and with the following gentlemen, not members of Synod, as associated members. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Michie, Mr. Clark, London, Mr. J. S. Howard, Mr. J. Laidlaw, Mr. John Shaw, Toronto.

SESSION XXI.

TORONTO, *29th June*—7½ *P. M.*

The Synod had transmitted a letter dated Ripley, Ohio, Nov. 4th, 1847, Signed Arthur B. Bradford, Moderator, J. B. Gibson, Stated Clerk, of The Free Synod of Cincinnati. The same was read, when it was agreed to refer it to the Committee on Mr. King's pro-

* See Appendix, page 36.

posed Mission to the colored population, with authority to them to make enquiry concerning this body, and answer the letter as they may think fit.

The Synod agreed to make the following division of an unappropriated balance of the donation, from the Free Church of Scotland, for Church Building, still in the hands of Mr. Spreull, Treasurer, viz: to the Congregation at Woolwich, £20, to that at West Gwillimbury, £10.

It was agreed that the sum formerly granted to Markham Village, should be transferred to the Congregation at Crosby's Corner, in the Township of Markham, to aid in finishing their Church.

The Synod appointed the following members to be their Commission for the ensuing year, to attend to the matters referred to them, and watch over the general interests of the Church, viz: The Moderator and Clerk, Mr. Leishman, Mr. Henry, Dr. McGilvray, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Burns, Mr. R. Reid, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roger, Dr. Burns, Mr. Gale, Mr. Esson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harris, Mr. Robb, Mr. Stark, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Smellie, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Allan, Ministers, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McNish, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Milne, Mr. Elder, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Burgess, Elders.

The Commission to meet in Toronto, immediately on the close of the Synod, and in the same place, on the last Wednesday of October, and at the close of the College in April,—the last of these meetings to be specially notified by the Clerk.

The Synod considering the kind co-operation which their Deputy, Mr. Bayne had received from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, in the appointment of a Professor of Theology, and the liberality of that Committee to Knox's College, agreed to record their gratitude to that Committee for these renewed tokens of kindness, and the Moderator was requested to convey to the Colonial Committee a suitable expression of gratitude.

The Synod resolved that their cordial thanks be tendered to the Revd. John Roaf, the Minister, and to the Deacons and Trustees of the Congregational Church in this City, for the comfortable accommodation afforded by them, in their Church, to the Synod, during the present session.

The Synod agreed to record their thanks to the friends in Toronto for the Christian hospitality received at their hands by the Ministers and Elders of the Synod, during the meeting in Toronto.

The Synod appointed Dr. Burns, (convener,) Mr. Gale, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Elder, a Committee to make arrangements for Religious Exercises to be conducted at the opening of the Synod next year, and to notify these through the Record, also to prepare a scheme for the ordering of the business of the Synod, and submit the same at the first session.

The Synod agreed that the next meeting shall be held at Toronto, on the third Wednesday of June, 1849, to be opened with sermon by the moderator, at the hour of 7, P. M.

The Synod was closed with singing a part of the 122nd Psalm, prayer, and the apostolical blessing at half-past Ten, P. M.

APPENDIX.

Resolutons revised by the Committee, after having been approved in substance by the Synod—transmitted to the Clerk after the close of the Synod. See page 32, 33.

The Synod having considered the Report of the Committee on the subject of Revival of Religion, feel persuaded that many as have been the tokens of the Lord's goodness and mercy, there is yet cause for the deepest humiliation in the review of past sins and short comings, and for the present low state of religion in our Church. Further, while the Synod acknowledge that Revival must be the Lord's own work, yet recognising the duty of using appointed means for promoting spirituality among all the office bearers, and members, they resolve as follows:

I.—The Synod earnestly recommend that the whole of the third Thursday of October next, or such part of it as every several session may see fit, be set apart throughout the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, for grateful acknowledgments for past mercies, solemn humiliation for past sins, and prayer and exhortation, with a view to the promotion of a greater measure of spirituality and devotedness among us.

II.—The Synod enjoin Presbyteries at their ordinary meetings to give earnest and special attention to the conducting of Devotional Exercises, to investigations respecting the state of religion, and devising measures for its revival within their bounds, and to mutual counsel and encouragement with respect to the discharge of Ministerial duties.

III.—The Synod enjoin that an Annual Presbyterial Visitation should be carried out in all the Congregations with a view to ascertain their economical and religious statistics, and to stir them up to greater diligence: and that an Annual Report of the results thus obtained be prepared by each Presbytery and transmitted to the Clerk of Synod, at least ten days before the Annual Meeting of Synod.

IV.—That the Lord's Supper should be dispensed at least once a quarter, and that ministers should, if necessary, dispense it without assistance from brethren in their neighbourhood, rather than not dispense it thus frequently.

V.—Sessions are recommended to hold regular and stated meetings at least quarterly for prayerful deliberation respecting the spiritual state of their respective Congregations, and for considering the best means of promoting a more faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to them.

VI.—The Synod recommend a concert for prayer by all the ministers and other office bearers, on the Friday evening of each week, between the hours of seven and eight o'clock.

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